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Experiments to be made relating to Land-Carriage, proposed by the learned Sr. William Petty Kt.

The water carriage of goods round about the Globe of the Earth, is but about double to the price of Land Carriage from Ch for to London of the like goods.

Land Carriage by Carts and Wagons is cheaper then on

horses backs, and this cheaper then by men.

Wherefore carriage by Carts and Wagons ought well to

understood and confidered.

Land Carriage by draught, is by Wheele-barrows, Strad. dles, Carts of 2 wheels, Sleds, Wagons of 4 wheels, by Carrs on 2 high wheels, Drays on 2 small wheels, Irish Carrs of 2 very small wheels. The present work is to design experiments whereby to know the difference and advantages of all the faid feveral Carriages upon feveral wayes and grounds. To which purpose it is offer'd that the following experiments be made, viz.

EXPERIMENTS.

1. The difference between what a Man or Horse can Carry, and what they can draw up at a Pulley.

2. The difference what a Man can endure to Carry one.

two, three, fower, five, fix hours, &c.

3. The difference of Speed that a Man can make under

several burthens, within the same time.

4. Let the difference between the weight of a common Irila Carr, and the burthen which a horse can draw upon it be examin'd, as also the like difference between a Cart for 5 horfes and its burthen, and between a Coach with a Coach-man with its burthen, and between the Pack faddle and of a Packhorse and its burthen.

s. Let the difference between a Horses draught upon a small Carr, and a 5 Horses draught upon a great Cart and

4 wheel'd Wagon be examined.

6. Let the same differences of horses draught at several distances from the carriage, and upon wheels of several heights,

be examined.

7. Let the just weight of wheels be determined, to make them of the same strength though of different diameters, and at what distance wheels of several heights should stand from each other.

?. What the difference is between Iron and Wooden Axell trees, and of the Grief and affriction made by them, within their boxes of their Naves.

9. What is the true reason of the dishing out of wheels.

10. What is the true proportion of Timber which ought to be in the Nave, Spokes, or Rim of any wheele, in order to lightness strength and uprightness.

hanging of Coaches the difference between the high and low hanging of Coaches the diffance of the Standards, and of the

difference between the hinder and the fore-wheels.

Other EXPERIMENTS.

Take a Parallelipeppidon of wood, suppose 4 Inches square at the ends, and 8 Inches long with the weight thereof, and try as followeth viz.

1. How much weight less then that of it self, applyed to convenient pullyes, will draw the said Log over a smooth level Table, of an affigned length, in an affign'd time, and what weight will draw the same faster or slower, in any affigned proportion.

2. What difference there will be in the Affriction of the whole fide of the faid Log upon the plain Table, and mounting the fame upon 2 small Keels of a quarter of an Inch

thick.

3. What the difference between the last mentioned mounture, and setting the same upon 4 thick Segments of Circles, so as to touch the Table but at 4 points, in imitation of dragging wheels, and whether it be material that the said Segments should be of greater or lesser Circles

4. What the difference between the faid mounture upon 4 fuch Segments, or upon 4 wheels moving distinctly upon their Axell trees, as also between 2 wheels or one Segment like a Cart, or 1 wheele and 2 segments like a wheele-barrow.

5. What the difference in draught will be in the aforemention d draughts upon the various inclinations of the faid Table, upwards and downwards, or upon the faid Table covered with a blanket equally extended, or with a paste of Clay of a certain thickness.

6 What the difference between the tenderest motion up-

on wheels and the draught thorow water.